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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" If that is the reason, may I know why Government have reduced the amount for the next year? As a matter of fact, there is a reduction in the amount for the purpose."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I am obliged to the hon. Member for the information. I do not know it myself."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether, apart from these rewards, any other step is taken by Government?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I must ask for notice. I personally am not aware of any."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Will the hon. the Revenue Member see that these rewards are increased as there are so many deaths?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That is a matter which is periodically considered. If the hon. Member wishes it to be considered as regards the Kottayam taluk, I will be glad to do so, having regard to the special knowledge that I have of the tract."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" May I know whether any present is given for killing snakes, because more people were killed by snakes according to the list given in the answer?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I believe not, Sir."

Education

The disciplinary action taken against the Law students who took part in the political functions.

* 1781 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any students attended the function of the presentation of addresses of welcome to the Simon Commission on 18th February 1929 at Madras and if so, in what colleges they are reading and in what classes;

(b) whether the educational authorities or college authorities have taken any disciplinary action against them for attending the said political function;

(c) whether the Principal of the Law College has dismissed three students of the Law College for absenting themselves from the College on 18th February 1929;

(d) what is the punishment ordinarily given to any student for absenting himself from the Law College for one day;

(e) whether the Principal Mr. Ruthnaswamy has consulted the Director of Public Instruction in the matter and if so, what advice the Director gave him;

(f) whether the said Principal has also consulted the hon. the Chief Minister in the matter and if so, what instructions he has given him; and

(g) whether the Government intend interfering in the matter and restoring the students to the college cancelling the orders of the Principal?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

(c) Prior to the arrival of the Simon Commission some students of the Law College were known to be organizing a strike and the Principal warned them that such action would entail forfeiture of their term certificates as being subversive of college discipline. Three students who had organized the strike

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contrary to the warning were absent from the college on the 18th February last. They were informed that, as the warning had been disregarded, they would not get their conduct certificates although they might attend the college. One of the three students tried to organize a strike in the college just after the 18th as a protest against the Principal's action. He was, therefore, sent away from the college for the rest of the term.

(d) Each case is dealt with on its merits.

(e) The Government have no information.

(f) The Principal informed the Minister of the action he proposed to take for maintaining the discipline of the college.

(g) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know what instructions or order the hon. the Chief Minister gave to the Principal of the Law College ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is clearly pointed out in the answer that no instructions were ordered to be given by the Chief Minister at all."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Principal himself told the students that he was willing to take them but that the Minister is against their being taken back ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of any such thing being said by the Principal."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know that the strike alleged to have been organized after the 18th was a voluntary one by the students themselves ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is not the opinion of the Principal, but that may be the opinion of the hon. Member."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether S. Gopalakrishnan who was sent away from the college was remarked that he is ' emotional ' ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" He was sent away for the reasons stated in the answer "

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" As regards answer (c) in line 2, it is stated that some students of the Law College were known to be organizing a strike. May I know what for was this strike ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Strike to absent themselves from the college."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" On what day ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" On the 18th."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" Why, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" They know it best."

Mr. P ANJANEYULU :—" Supposing it is for the Simon Commission, is that a strike against the authorities, I ask ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It was, as understood by the Principal, a strike against the college authorities."

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Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" The answer given to (*a*) and (*b*) is that Government have no information. May I know whether the hon. Minister took any pains to get the information, to ascertain the sentiments of the students in the matter and the conduct of the Principal ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there is any necessity to ascertain the information."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether the Principal was the same person who once presided over the deliberations of this House, the same Mr. Ruthnaswami ? "

Mr. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR :—" Was it brought to the notice of the hon. the Chief Minister that certain students when they gave a farewell party to the Principal expressed that he was not responsible for the dismissal and that he, the Principal, did not categorically deny that he was not responsible and that if he was not responsible, may I know who was responsible for that action ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of any such statement."

Mr. A KALESWARA RAO :—" How many students were absent on that day, may I know ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think any students were absent that day as far as I am aware."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Whether it is not a fact that about sixty or seventy or even eighty absented themselves from the college that day ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is the average number of absentees every day."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether some of the parents themselves wanted that their children should be absent from the college ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not aware of parents interfering with the discipline of the college. If they do so, they do not deserve to send their children to the college."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" May I know whether by punishing the students like that, the Government desire to pursue a policy of stifling the political aspirations of Indian students and graduates ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Certainly not."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With regard to (*a*) and (*b*) the answer given is that the Government have no information. May I know whether the Government would call for the information contained in the question, namely, with reference to the students that attended the function of the presentation of the addresses of welcome to the Simon Commission ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I have information on that. I believe some of them did attend the function."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Government have made any enquiries as to whether these students belong to any Government institution and whether any action was taken against them ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there is any necessity to take action."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reasons from the Government why those gentlemen who welcomed the Simon Commission may be allowed, while those who organized hartal are punished ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Government have made no such statement."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know why the Government do not consider it necessary to call for the information asked for ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It was not the taking part in the hartal that was objected to, but what was objected to was the organization of a strike."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the organization of a welcome on behalf of the college students to the Simon Commission is part of the discipline of the college ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That was not done in the college as I have repeatedly pointed out."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the last sentence of the answer to clause (c) that the student was sent away from the college for the rest of the term, may I know whether the student is going to be admitted during the next term ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is within the discretion of the Principal of the Law College."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the students who took part in the presentation of these addresses have attended the college or absented themselves that day ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe they attended the college."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" How does the Minister know this, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is my information, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" From whom, Sir ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" From the Principal of the Law College."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Only the Law College students attended the function ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There were others. I think the question refers only to the Law College."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know how many students of the Law College attended the Simon Commission welcome ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am not sure about the number."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the hon. Mr. Ramadoss Pantulu asked his son not to attend the college and in pursuance of that his son did not attend the college that day ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is furnishing information."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister did or did not advise strong action in this case to the Principal ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said, the Minister has nothing to do with the discipline of the college."

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Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" How did the hon. Minister know that particular part of the information that the students attended the college after the harbour function ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Because of the nature of the question asked by some hon. Members."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether it is a rule that principals of colleges always inform the Minister as to the action they propose to take against students for the maintenance of discipline ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is no such rule of that kind."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether the Minister agreed with the Principal when he was informed of the proposed action ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The Minister entirely agreed with the action taken by the Principal of the Law College."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know the grounds on which the Minister agreed with the action of the Law College Principal ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Because I thought what the Principal did was best to pull up the college which had gone down in tone and discipline."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether there was any strike organized within the premises of the Law College ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It was because Mr. Gopalakrishnan threatened to organize a strike that he was sent away from the college."

Municipalities

Exemption to the Cocanada municipality from payment of instalment of the electricity loan payable in March 1930.

* 1782 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Cocanada Municipal Council passed a resolution requesting the Government to exempt the Municipality from payment of the instalment of the electricity loan payable in March 1930 and receive the same in instalments beginning from March 1931 onwards ; and

(b) whether the Government have passed any and, if so, what orders thereon ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of G.O. No. 1019, L. & M., dated 28th February 1929,[a] is laid on the table.

Religious and charitable endowments

Temple committees in the Chingleput district.

* 1783 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to nominate again members of Temple committees in the Chingleput district ; and

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 440 infra.